

Amendment and Response

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Title: NETWORK ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR INSERTING AN IDENTIFICATION CODE**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 15-20 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 21-26.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A network assembly for assigning an identification code to an electronic file from a communications network~~ A system for coding an electronic file, comprising:

(a) a reference repository, wherein the reference repository receives ~~an~~ the electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network and stores the characteristic information associated with the electronic file in a memory;

(b) an indexing unit linked with the reference repository, wherein the indexing unit ~~assigns an identification code to the electronic file~~ assigns a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information, assigns an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the system, and compiles an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code; and

(c) an editing unit linked with the reference repository and the indexing unit, wherein the editing unit inserts the identification code to the electronic file.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The network assembly system~~ according to claim 1 wherein the communications network comprises the Internet.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The network assembly system~~ according to claim 1 wherein the electronic file comprises published material.

5. (Canceled)

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6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~network assembly system~~ according to claim 1 wherein the indexing unit assigns the identification code to the electronic file with respect to the characteristic information.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~network assembly system~~ according to ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 wherein the indexing unit stores the identification code with respect to the characteristic information.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A network assembly for assigning an identification code to an electronic file from a communications network~~ A system for coding an electronic file for a library, comprising:

(a) a reference repository associated with the library, wherein the reference repository receives an the electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network and stores the characteristic information associated with the electronic file for use in inserting a library-specific identification code on the electronic file in a memory;

(b) an indexing unit linked with the reference repository, wherein the indexing unit ~~assigns an identification code to the electronic file wherein the identification code comprises a library-specific identification code for procedures used by a specific library and wherein the indexing unit assigns the library-specific identification code to the electronic file with respect to the characteristic information~~ assigns a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library, assigns a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the library, and compiles a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code; and

(c) an editing unit linked with the reference repository and the indexing unit, wherein the editing unit inserts the ~~library-specific~~ library-specific identification code to the

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electronic file.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~network assembly system~~ according to claim 9 wherein the editing unit formats the library-specific identification code ~~with respect to the electronic file as authorized by the library.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~network assembly system~~ according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 11 further comprising a review unit linked with the indexing unit, wherein the review unit dispatches ~~facilitates review of the formatted electronic file from the network assembly.~~

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~network assembly system~~ according to claim 12 wherein the review unit dispatches the formatted electronic file to a book on demand machine.

15-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file, comprising:
receiving an electronic file and characteristic information associated with the
electronic file from a communications network, and storing the characteristic information in a
memory;

assigning a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic
information;

assigning an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file
is a copy of an existing electronic file;

compiling an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code
and the inventory code; and

inserting the identification code to the electronic file.

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22. (New) The computer-implemented method according to claim 21 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an author, a publisher, a format, a copyright, an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and a number of pages of the publication.

23. (New) A computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file for a library, comprising:

receiving an electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network, and storing the characteristic information in a memory;

assigning a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library;

assigning a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file is already in the library;

compiling a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code; and

inserting the library-specific identification code to the electronic file.

24. (New) The computer-implemented method according to claim 23 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an author, a publisher, a format, a copyright, an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and a number of pages of the publication.

25. (New) The system according to claim 1 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an author, a publisher, a format, a copyright, an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and a number of pages of the publication.

26. (New) The system according to claim 9 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an

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